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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON CARIBBEAN

1. STAFF OF HOUSE BANKING, FINANCE AND URBAN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ADVISED ON JANUARY 24 THAT CONGRESSMAN REUSS
PLANS TO HOLD HEARINGS ON CARIBBEAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BEGINNING AS SOON AFTER FEBRUARY 4 AS POSSIBLE. COMMITTEE
STAFF WISHES TO CALL AS WITNESSES BOTH OFFICIALS OF CARIB-
BEAN GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, AND MENTIONED
A NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE MIAMI SECOND CARIBBEAN
CONFERENCE AS POSSIBILITIES. MR. REUSS PROBABLY WILL
INVITE PRESIDENT DANIEL ODUBER AS A WITNESS. (REUSS WAS
IMPRESSED WITH ODUBER'S CARIBBEAN PERSPECTIVE WHEN THE
CODEL VISITED COSTA RICA RECENTLY.) COMMITTEE IS TO
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PAY ALL TRAVEL FOR INVITEES. THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO
PLANNING A FOLLOW UP TRIP TO THE CARIBBEAN
DURING EASTER
RECESS (MARCH 23-31).

2. YATRON TRIP DURING LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY RECESS LOOKING
INCREASINGLY DOUBTFUL. HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL A FAIR

POSSIBILITY OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE HOLDING
HEARINGS ON CARIBBEAN IN FEBRUARY.

3. WE ARE CONSIDERING OUR POSTURE ON THESE HEARINGS AND
WILL HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOU UPON YOUR RETURN.

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